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Hello, Bowling Fans!

Welcome to another issue of *Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter*. **Messenger** highlights the 2015 PBA Tour Awards. **King Pin Column:** Moment in History looks back at the 1981 PBA National Championship. **The Spare Column** is the PBA and PBA50 schedules. **Balls of the Lanes** features Brunswick's two new balls. **The Tenth Frame** is a commentary about what is coming up with the three Majors and live televised finals on ESPN. Thanks for reading *Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter*.



Josh Hyde- Editor of *Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter*

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Messenger

2015 PBA Awards

Jason Belmonte became the fourth player to three-peat the Chris Schenkel Player of the Year. He joins Earl Anthony and Mark Roth, as well as Walter Ray Williams Jr., who was the last bowler to accomplish this feat back in 1998. In the 2015 season, Jason became the first player to three-peat the USBC Masters Title. He also joined Mike Aulby as one of the only players with three Masters Titles. A week later, he joined Jason Couch as one of the only players to successfully defend a Tournament of Champions Title.

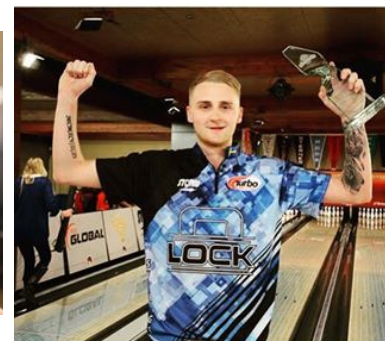
Ryan Ciminelli gave Jason a race for the Player of the Year award with his performance at the South Point X-tra Frame Open at the PBA Fall Classic. He would then go on to win his first Major at the US Open in Garland, TX. At the 7th World Series of Bowling, Ryan won the Viper Championship, his third title of the season. Ryan had a strong run at the end, but Jason made history twice at the Masters and the Tournament of Champions.

The Harry Golden Rookie of the Year award went to Jesper Svensson. He won his first PBA Tour title at the Bahrain Open by defeating Jason Belmonte. Jesper earned his second career title at the Chameleon Championship which only had international players in the final round. In the Chameleon, he was the top qualifier, did not lose a game, and averaged 255.58 over the his 17 games.

There are a couple other awards that players received. One was the Steve Nagy Sportsmanship Award. The recipient was Josh Blanchard, who was the 2011-12 Harry Golden Rookie of the Year. Blanchard said, "I'm very honored, of course, that my peers would vote me this honor especially this early in my career". Ed Godbout won the Tony Reyes PBA Community Service Award. He is a West Regional player who has developed a program for junior bowlers in San Jose. Also, he has developed the Tony Reyes Memorial Youth/Adult Doubles Tournament.



Jason Belmonte 2015 Player of the Year



Jesper Svensson 2015 Rookie of the year



Moment in History: 1981 PBA National/World Championship

In 1981, the PBA National Championship had five veterans on the PBA Tour. Even though Earl Anthony, Ernie Schlegel, Dick Weber, Dave Davis, and Gary Dickinson might have been past their prime, it was still perhaps the greatest PBA National Final in the history of the PBA.

This championship round was stellar, with many years of experience represented. It was difficult to make the final, taking a score of +849 (average of 215.1) by Dickinson to make it.

Anthony was going to be inducted into the Hall of Fame, and it was anticipated that

Weber and Anthony would once again meet in the title game. Only this time, it would be for a major tournament. However, Schlegel beat Weber 236-204 in the semi-finals to insure this rematch did not happen.

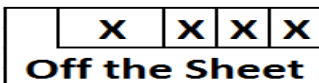
Facing Schlegel in the final was Earl Anthony, who had built a substantial lead during the preliminary rounds. Anthony was looking for his fourth PBA National Championship. He had always done well at Ducats Imperial Lanes in Toledo, Ohio.

This time, however, the final game came down to the final throw, with Schlegel needing a strike in the tenth frame to win.

Unfortunately, he left one pin, missing out on the chance to take home what would have been his first major title. Schlegel lost 242-237.

In the tournament, the top 24 showcased other great bowlers, including Mike Aulby, Mark Roth, Marshall Holman, Nelson Burton, Jr., and Tom Baker. If any of these bowlers had made the championship round, it still would have been a great stepladder final.

Anthony would later be named Player of the Year in 1981, and he was also inducted into the PBA Hall of Fame in 1981.



*This column is dedicated to the **Bowlers Journal International**. They just celebrated their 100-year anniversary this month. I will be summarizing BJI articles periodically in the *Josh Hyde Bowling Newsletter*.*

Last month, Lyle Zikes explored reasons why PBA membership is declining. There is no reason why PBA membership should be declining because there are not many megabuck tournaments in this day and age. Bowlers that are talented to shoe up among the best players

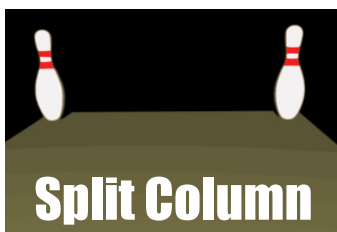
Parsing the Member Numbers

in the world. When the PBA formed in 1958, Eddie Elias asked the 33 bowlers to put up \$50 for the initial starting of the PBA. In the last couple of months, the USBC has announced that PBA bowlers will be able to bowl the USBC Open Championships. In years past, the USBC Open Championship was not open to the Touring 1 and 2 players; however, the USBC is allowing the PBA players to bowl in the tournament.

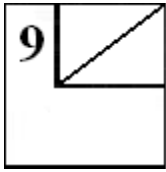
Last year, there was a regional

where over half of the entrants were not PBA members. Lyle reported that 49% of the field in a Colorado Springs regional were non-PBA members. He also wrote that a non-member would pay as much in surcharges entering two regional's as they would pay in PBA membership dues.

Editor Note: The PBA is by far the best bowling experience for scratch bowlers. There is no reason to not join the PBA.



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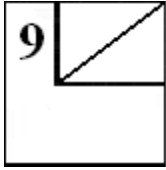
Spare Column

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2016 PBA Tour Schedule

Date	Tournament	Location
Sat., Jan. 30—Sun., Feb. 7	PBA FireLake Tournament of Champions	Shawnee, OK
Sun., Feb. 7—Sun., Feb. 14	United States Bowling Congress Masters	Indianapolis, IN
Mon., Feb. 15—Sun., Feb. 21	Barbasol PBA Players Championship	Columbus, OH
Tues., Feb. 23	CP3 PBA Celebrity Invitational	Los Angeles, CA
Thurs., Mar. 31—Sun., Apr. 3	PBA League Playoffs and Elias Cup Finals	Portland, ME
Mon., Apr. 4—Wed., Apr. 6	PBA Maine Shootout	Portland, ME
Fri., June 3—Sun., June 5	PBA Jonesboro Open	Jonesboro, AR
Fri., June 24—Sun., June 26	PBA Lubbock Sports Southwest Open	Lubbock, TX
Fri., July 29—Sun., July 31	PBA/PWBA Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles	Houston, TX
Fri., Aug. 19—Sun., Aug. 21	PBA Gene Carter's Pro Shop East Classic	Middletown, DE
Fri., Sept. 23—Sun., Sept. 25	PBA Detroit Open	Allen Park, MI





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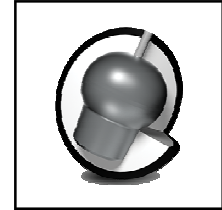
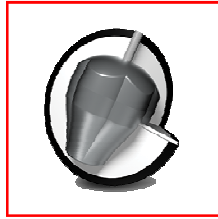
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2016 PBA50 TOUR SCHEDULE

Date	Tournament	Location
April 16-19	PBA50 Pasco County Open	New Port Richey, Fla.
April 23-26	UnitedHealthcare PBA50 Sun Bowl	The Villages, Fla.
May 1-4	Mooreville Open presented by Columbia 300	Mooreville, N.C.
May 7-10	PBA50 Johnny Petraglia BVL Open presented by Brunswick	Farmingdale, N.Y.
May 29-June 3	Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open presented by 900 Global,	Las Vegas (major)
June 5-8	PBA50 Fountain Valley Open presented by Track	Fountain Valley, Calif.
June 12-15	PBA Northern California Classic presented by MOTIV	Brentwood, Calif.
June 16-19	USBC Super Senior Classic, Sam's Town Bowling Center	Las Vegas (for players 60 and over)
June 19-25	USBC Senior Masters	Las Vegas (major).
July 17-23	PBA50 Treasure Island Resort & Casino World Championship presented by Storm	Welch, Minn. (major).
July 25-28	PBA50 South Shore Open presented by DV8	Hammond, Ind.
July 31-Aug. 3	PBA50 Dave Small's Championship Lanes Classic presented by Roto Grip	Anderson, Ind.
Aug. 6-9	PBA50 Pro Bowl West Championship presented by Ebonite	Fort Wayne, Ind.
Aug. 11-13	PBA60 Dick Weber National Championship presented by Hammer	Fort Wayne, Ind.
Aug. 14-17	PBA50 National Championship to benefit Riley Hospital for Children	Elkhart, Ind.

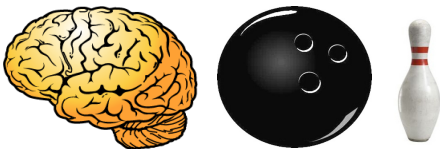


Ultimate Nirvana & Vintage Danger Zone



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RG Min: 2.477
RG Differential: 0.054
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Length: Early (25) 120Long (235)
Breakpoint Shape: Smooth Arc (10) 130Angular (150)

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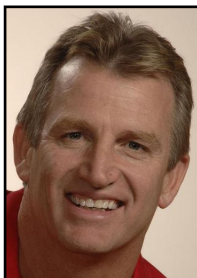
BOWLOLOGY

In this section, a topic will be picked based on the bowling knowledge of Josh Hyde.

9-Greatest Minds in Bowling

#9 Rick Benoit -

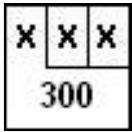
Rick Benoit was on the PBA Truck for a few years as a players services director on the tour in the mid-90's. In 1998,



Rick Benoit—
 Founder of
 BowlU

he took a job as a ball representative for Brunswick. His brother, Bob Benoit, was a

four-time PBA Titlist on the PBA Tour. In 2010, Rick changed jobs by venturing out on his own developing BowlU. BowlU is a program in which bowlers can get help from top notch coaches from around the world with their bowling game. Rick puts an emphasis on ball motion. He thinks that if bowlers can get the right kind of ball motion through the pins, bowlers can improve their average drastically. By knowing what ball motion they need, they will be able to get more corners out. By getting the seven for a lefty or a ten for a righty can be a big difference. This way, bowlers can change a 190 into a 220 to 250 game. By accomplishing better ball motion, it can make all the difference in the world. Rick has drilled hundreds or even thousands of balls for the greatest bowlers on the planet. In 2011, BowlU made their debut at the third PBA WSOB, helping bowlers fine tune their game with onsite training. The reason he started BowlU because he found that bowlers wanted to advance their bowling skills in a quicker fashion. BowlU is a training program for Bowlers that want to get to the next level of competition. Rick is now the coach for the Saudia Arabia bowling team. Rick is a top level coach for the great sport of bowling.



Three Majors on the Horizon

This month, there will be a number of storylines for the PBA. Can three time Player of the Year Jason Belmonte keep his Major streak going by 4-peating the Masters at Woodland Bowl in Indianapolis and be the only player to win four Masters titles in USBC history or will Pete Weber finally complete his Major resume with winning the Masters. The first three weeks of the PBA Tour for 2016 consists of three Majors back-to-back-to-back. If Norm Duke wins the PBA Players Championship, he will join Mike Aulby as being the only two bowlers to complete the Super Slam. If Chris Barnes wins the Masters in the PBA Players Championship, he will join Mike

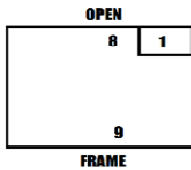
Aulby as being the only two players to complete the Super Slam.

The first Major is the Tournament of Champions which is perhaps the greatest Major that the PBA had in its heyday. The TOC is followed by the USBC Masters. This is the same sequence the PBA followed in earlier years. However, previously there was a 16-week winter swing in which the bowlers went to different locations. The Masters was not part of the PBA Tour schedule. Finally, but not least, all three of these events' Finals will be televised live on ESPN. Bowling fans have waited a long time for this 1-2-3 punch to return!

This is the time that pro bowling can return to its former glory and set the tone for the future of the PBA. History can be made once again on the PBA Tour if one or two of these storylines plays out.

Pete Weber loves Woodland Bowl in Indianapolis winning three Majors there. It would not shock the greatest bowling fan (of all time), Josh Hyde, if Weber would complete his Major resume at the 2016 USBC Masters.

Thanks for reading this month's edition of the Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter.



Open Frame Column: The Future of Josh Hyde Bowling

There will be some exciting changes in Josh Hyde Bowling. In the next coming months, I am revamping the Ten-Pin Staffer Program along with putting my Bowlology book on the website. There will also be some quizzes and questions added that a bowling study group could come up with. My focus will be mostly on the PBA—writing and posting more PBA Tournament reports. Lane Talk will be a commentary about what I think with regard to the PBA. The Gutter Column will be about pros and moments when they do not have the greatest games or shots. The 300 Game will highlight each PBA Tournament where there a 300-game was bowled. There will be extra reporting on the Midwest Scratch Bowling Series, the Brockmyre Classic, and other amateur tournaments. These changes are in order to simplify the coverage of Josh Hyde Bowling. In summary, there will be more emphasis on the PBA and the sport of bowling in the near future.

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